

Top 10 Endangered Artifacts

Saving Oklahoma's Heritage

Oklahoma's Top 10 Endangered Artifacts project is a campaign to increase awareness and support for Oklahoma's most important historical objects. You can help determine the Top 10 by voting on the artifact you consider the most worthy. You may vote for as many of the 26 nominated artifacts as you wish and you may vote as often as you wish. To vote, go to www.culturalheritagetrust.org

Voting ends on June 1
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Philbrook Museum of Art, Tulsa

Cheyenne War Bonnet, Circa 1872

This war bonnet was taken from Custer's Battle Field by Adj. General Ewart on his way to help Custer during the Indian Wars. The war bonnet is believed to have belonged to Chief Whirlwind, a formidable Cheyenne warrior, who began his campaign only after Custer's massacre of peaceful Cheyenne living near present day Denver. Chief Whirlwind, who died in 1895, is an important historical figure who lived and fought within the present day boundaries of Oklahoma. His actions directly shaped the future of the Cheyenne people and the outcomes of the most famous of the Indian Wars.



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